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ELECTRONIC THERMOMETER

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Cleveland, OH 44114

June 29, 2004

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME **UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application. The initial period for responding to the Office Action issued December 31, 2003 expired on March 31, 2004. Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time up to and including June 30, 2004 in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action.

The requested extension and appropriate large entity fee are as follows:

	One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$110.00
	Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$420.00
\boxtimes	Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$950.00
	Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1,480.00
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A check in the amount of \$950.00 is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0308. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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June 29, 2004

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8, I certify that this **Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a)** in connection with US Serial No. <u>09/700,449</u> is being:

deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class mail, addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 223131450 on the date indicated below.		
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